

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before the heading "Background of the Invention," add the following paragraph:

-- This patent is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/790,231, filed February 21, 2001, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. --

Please delete the first two paragraphs beginning on page 1, line 27 following the heading "Summary of the Invention."

Please insert the following five paragraphs after the heading "Summary of the Invention" on page 1:

According to one aspect, the invention may be embodied in an electronic gaming unit for allowing a user to play a video gambling game. Such an electronic gaming unit may include a time generator that may generate a time signal indicative of a time of day. The electronic gaming unit may further include a display unit that may be capable of generating color images. The electronic gaming unit may further include an input device that allows the user to make an input. The electronic gaming unit may further include a currency-accepting mechanism that is capable of allowing the user to deposit a medium of currency and a controller operatively coupled to the display unit and the input device. The controller may include a processor and a memory operatively coupled to the processor. The controller may be programmed to allow the user to make a wager after the currency-accepting mechanism detects deposit of currency by the user, and to cause a sequence of video images to be generated on the display unit after the currency-accepting mechanism detects deposit of currency by the user, the sequence of video images representing a video gambling game selected from the group of available video gambling games consisting of video poker, video slots, video blackjack, video keno and video bingo. The controller may additionally be programmed to replace at least one of the available video gambling games in response to the time signal. The controller may be further programmed to determine, after the sequence of images has been displayed, an outcome of the video gambling game represented by the sequence of images and to determine a currency payout associated with the outcome of the video gambling game.

According to another aspect, the invention may be embodied in an electronic gaming unit for allowing a user to play a video gambling game. Such an electronic gaming unit may include a time generator that may generate a time signal indicative of a time of day. The

electronic gaming unit may further include a display unit that may be capable of generating color images. The electronic gaming unit may further include an input device that allows the user to make an input. The electronic gaming unit may further include a currency-accepting mechanism that is capable of allowing the user to deposit a medium of currency and a controller operatively coupled to the display unit and the input device. The controller may include a processor and a memory operatively coupled to the processor. The controller may be programmed to allow the user to make a wager after the currency-accepting mechanism detects deposit of currency by the user, and to cause a sequence of video images to be generated on the display unit after the currency-accepting mechanism detects deposit of currency by the user, the sequence of video images representing a video gambling game selected from the group of video gambling games consisting of video poker, video slots, video blackjack, video keno and video bingo. The controller may additionally be programmed to change a minimum bet for the video gambling game in response to the time signal. The controller may be further programmed to determine, after the sequence of images has been displayed, an outcome of the video gambling game represented by the sequence of images and to determine a currency payout associated with the outcome of the video gambling game.

According to a further aspect, the invention may be embodied in an electronic gaming unit for allowing a user to play a video gambling game. Such an electronic gaming unit may include a time generator that may generate a time signal indicative of a time of day. The electronic gaming unit may further include a display unit that may be capable of generating color images. The electronic gaming unit may further include an input device that allows the user to make an input. The electronic gaming unit may further include a currency-accepting mechanism that is capable of allowing the user to deposit a medium of currency and a controller operatively coupled to the display unit and the input device. The controller may include a processor and a memory operatively coupled to the processor. The controller may be programmed to allow the user to make a wager after the currency-accepting mechanism detects deposit of currency by the user, and to cause a sequence of video images to be generated on the display unit after the currency-accepting mechanism detects deposit of currency by the user, the sequence of video images representing a video gambling game selected from the group of video gambling games consisting of video poker, video slots, video blackjack, video keno and video bingo. The controller may additionally be programmed to change a denomination for the deposit of currency for the video gambling game in response to the time signal. The controller may be further programmed to determine,

after the sequence of images has been displayed, an outcome of the video gambling game represented by the sequence of images and to determine a currency payout associated with the outcome of the video gambling game.

According to another aspect, the invention may be embodied in an electronic gaming unit for allowing a user to play a video gambling game. Such an electronic gaming unit may include a time generator that may generate a time signal indicative of a time of day. The electronic gaming unit may further include a display unit that may be capable of generating color images. The electronic gaming unit may further include an input device that allows the user to make an input. The electronic gaming unit may further include a currency-accepting mechanism that is capable of allowing the user to deposit a medium of currency and a controller operatively coupled to the display unit and the input device. The controller may include a processor and a memory operatively coupled to the processor. The controller may be programmed to allow the user to make a wager after the currency-accepting mechanism detects deposit of currency by the user, and to cause a sequence of video images to be generated on the display unit after the currency-accepting mechanism detects deposit of currency by the user, the sequence of video images representing a video gambling game selected from the group of video gambling games consisting of video poker, video slots, video blackjack, video keno and video bingo. The controller may additionally be programmed to change a maintenance schedule of the gaming unit in response to the time signal. The controller may be further programmed to determine, after the sequence of images has been displayed, an outcome of the video gambling game represented by the sequence of images and to determine a currency payout associated with the outcome of the video gambling game.

According to another aspect, the invention may be embodied in an electronic gaming unit for allowing a user to play a video gambling game. Such an electronic gaming unit may include a time generator that may generate a time signal indicative of a time of day. The electronic gaming unit may further include a display unit that may be capable of generating color images. The electronic gaming unit may further include an input device that allows the user to make an input. The electronic gaming unit may further include a currency-accepting mechanism that is capable of allowing the user to deposit a medium of currency and a controller operatively coupled to the display unit and the input device. The controller may include a processor and a memory operatively coupled to the processor. The controller may be programmed to allow the user to make a wager after the currency-accepting mechanism detects deposit of currency by the user, and to cause a sequence of video images to be

generated on the display unit after the currency-accepting mechanism detects deposit of currency by the user, the sequence of video images representing a video gambling game selected from the group of video gambling games consisting of video poker, video slots, video blackjack, video keno and video bingo. The controller may additionally be programmed to replace a first available bonus game for a second available bonus game in response to the time signal. The controller may be further programmed to determine, after the sequence of images has been displayed, an outcome of the video gambling game represented by the sequence of images and to determine a currency payout associated with the outcome of the video gambling game.